RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1884. ENTERED VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE, 1908.

PREMIERS, V.F.A., 1902, 1905
RUNNERS-UP 1901, 1903, 1904

PREMIERS, V.F.L. 1920, 1921
RUNNERS-UP 1919 - 24 - 27 - 28 - 29 - 31

Forty-Seventh Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1931

NOTICE OF MEETING

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Richmond Town Hall on MONDAY EVENING, 21st DECEMBER, 1931, at 8 p.m., to receive Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, elect Office-bearers and transact any other business of which notice has been given. A musical programme, under the direction of Social Secretary F. J. Costello, will be provided.

POLLING.—6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Hon. Returning Officer, A. F. McDowell, Esq.

Members must produce their tickets to gain admittance, and present same to poll clerk to secure a vote. Name and address must also be furnished.

No Provision will be made for members who have lost or mislaid their Tickets

List of Office-Bearers

President: J. H. ARCHER, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:
H. Dyke, Esq.; W. H. Gosch, Esq.; *P. H. Maybury, Esq.; H. L. Roberts, Esq.; R. J. Stanley, Esq.; E. Taylor, Esq.

Committee:
Messrs. F. J. Costello, H. Cox, B. D. Edmond, W. J. T. Higginbotham, F. E. O'Brien, J. J. Smith, V. Thorp.

Players' Representatives on Committee: Messrs. J. Baggott, M. Bolger, M. Hunter.

Richmond Cricket Club's Representative on Committee: Mr. J. Douglas (part season), Mr. M. Rankin (part season).

Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club: Mr. H. Dyke.

Richmond League Seconds' Representative on Committee: Mr. G. Smith.

Victorian League Delegates: Messrs. P. Page and H. L. Roberts.

Chairman of Committee: Mr. W. H. Gosch.

Hon. Solicitor: F. E. O'Brien, Esq.

Auditors: G. D. Gill, Esq., Qualified Accountant; R. H. McIntyre, Esq., L.I.C.A.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. L. M. Smith.
Hon. Dentist: Mr. G. Kermond.
Non-Playing Coach: Mr. F. V. Hughes.
Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker.

Captain: Mr. M. Hunter.

Vice-Captain: Mr. B. McCormack.

Training Room Staff: Messrs. [illegible]son (head), R. G. Davall, H. Fargher, S. Mier, M. Noble, T. Webster, J. G. Wood.

Door Steward: Mr. [illegible]
Boot Studders: Messrs. [illegible] H. Vine.
Hon. Chiropodist: Mr. A. W. Rosier.
Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander.
[illegible] Property Steward: Mr. G. Browne.
Press Correspondent: Mr. R. Werner.

Selection Committee: Messrs. [illegible] O'Brien, [illegible] Roberts, E. Taylor, Captain and Vice-Captain.

Finance Committee: Messrs. B. D. Edmond (Vice-Chairman), R. J. Stanley (Chairman), V. Thorp, Treasurer and Secretary.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. D. Langdon.
Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. J. J. Smith.
Hon. Social Secretary: Mr. F. J. Costello.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. [illegible]ge, 210 Swan Street, Richmond

*Resigned during [illegible]. The vacancy was not filled.

INDUCE YO[illegible] TO BECOME MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1932

President: Messrs. *J. H. ARCHER, B. V. HERBERT.

Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. *W. H. GOSCH, C. H. HALL, *H. L. ROBERTS, *R. J. STANLEY, *E. TAYLOR, V. THORP (unopposed).

Committee (7 to be elected):

Messrs. G. BEACHCROFT, J. COOK, *F. J. COSTELLO, *H. COX, *B. D. EDMOND, B. GOODWIN, *W. H. HIGGINBOTHAM, W. HOCKEY, *F. E. O'BRIEN, J. McDOUGALL, W. STANBROUGH.

Hon. Treasurer:

*MR. J. D. LANGDON (unopposed).

Hon. Secretary:

Messrs. P. MAYBURY, J. J. SMITH.

*Retiring Office-bearers.

Member's Ticket must be produced to gain admission and secure vote, whilst name and address submitted must correspond with that on roll. Polling Booth in Town Hall (small hall); open 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, 1931

Date		Versus	Res.	For G.	For B.	For Pts.	Against G.	Against B.	Against Pts.
May	2	Carlton	Won	14	23	107	15	8	98
,,	9	Nth. Melb.	Won	30	19	199	4	7	31
,,	16	Footscray	Won	13	16	94	7	10	52
,,	23	Collingwood	Won	10	12	72	9	14	68
,,	30	Essendon	Won	11	20	86	10	12	72
June	13	Geelong	Lost	8	12	60	12	15	87
,,	20	Sth. Melb.	Won	12	12	84	7	15	57
,,	27	Hawthorn	Won	9	15	69	8	10	58
July	4	Fitzroy	Won	14	17	101	8	13	61
,,	11	Melbourne	Won	8	18	66	7	11	53
,,	18	St. Kilda	Won	11	19	85	6	12	48
,,	25	Carlton	Won	8	17	65	6	12	48
Aug.	1	Nth. Melb.	Won	16	12	108	9	15	69
,,	8	Footscray	Lost	7	12	54	10	18	78
,,	22	Collingwood	Won	10	10	70	6	10	46
,,	29	Essendon	Won	23	14	152	15	11	101
Sept.	5	Hawthorn	Won	13	21	99	5	13	43
,,	12	Geelong	Lost	8	8	56	11	17	83
		Second Round							
,,	26	Geelong S-F	Won	15	9	99	10	6	66
Oct.	10	Geelong G-F	Lost	7	6	48	9	14	68
				247	292	1174	174	243	1287

Summary:—Won 16, lost 4.

GOAL-KICKERS, 1931

D. Strang, 68; J. Titus, 47; M. Hunter, 34; H. Weidner, 26; G. Strang, 20; F. Ford, 11; J. Baggott, 7; T. O'Halloran, 7; B. Foster, 6; J. Twyford, 6; J. Dyer, 5; J. Bissett, 3; E. Zschech, 3; T. Cunningham, 2; P. Bentley, 1; S. Judkins, 1. Total, 247.

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Committee (Meetings held, 22).—President—J. H. Archer, 17. Vice-Presidents—H. Dyke, 16; W. H. Gosch, 16; P. H. Maybury, 13; H. L. Roberts, 21; R. J. Stanley, 2; E. Taylor, 15.

Committee.—F. J. Costello, 22; H. Cox, 20; B. D. Edmond, 21; W. J. T. Higginbotham, 20; F. E. O'Brien, 22; J. J. Smith, 22; V. Thorp, 17.

***Players' Representatives.**—J. Baggott, 9; M. Bolger, 9; M. Hunter, 11.

***Richmond Cricket Club Representatives.**—J. Douglas, 15; M. Rankin, 4.

Second Nineteen Representative.—G. Smith, 13.

Treasurer.—J. D. Langdon, 17.

Secretary.—P. Page, 22.

*Denotes part season.

Finance Committee (Meetings held, 10).—B. D. Edmond, 9; J. D. Langdon, 10; †F. E. O'Brien, 6; P. Page, 10; R. J. Stanley, 1; V. Thorp, 6.

†Proxy for Vice-President R. Stanley.

Match Committee (Meetings held, 20).—M. Hunter, 20; B. McCormack, 19; F. O'Brien, 20; H. L. Roberts, 20; E. Taylor, 18.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Scores For Goal Kicker	Gls.	Bhds.	Scores Against Gls.	Bhds.	Psn.
1908	G. H. Bennett M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam R. Condon	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	178	207	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor	,,	,,	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	179	209	Eighth
1910	M.H.R.	,,	,,	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	121	186	Seventh
1911	,,	,,	,,	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	138	193	Eighth
1912	,,	G. P. Beachcroft	J. McDermott	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	184	229	Ninth
1913	,,	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	150	190	Seventh
1914	,,	,,	,,	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	226	143	219	Eighth
1915	,,	,,	,,	,,	C. Hall (25)	126	150	158	216	Sixth
1916	,,	,,	,,	,,	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	131	170	Fourth
1917	,,	W. A. Maybury	,,	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	127	192	Sixth
1918	,,	,,	,,	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	117	155	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	,,	,,	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	148	210	Run's - up
1920	,,	,,	,,	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	143	154	Premrs
1921	,,	,,	A. Aarons	,,	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	149	226	Premrs
1922	,,	,,	,,	,,	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	154	204	Fifth
1923	,,	,,	,,	,,	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	156	202	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	P. Page	,,	,,	M. Morris (44)	172	259	169	222	Run's - up
1925	,,	,,	J. D. Langdon	,,	M. Morris (25)	132	189	158	183	Seventh
1926	,,	,,	,,	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	214	211	Seventh
1927	,,	,,	,,	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	164	219	Run's - up
1928	,,	,,	,,	,,	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	195	218	Run's - up
1929	,,	,,	,,	C. Lilburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	235	220	Run's - up
1930	,,	,,	,,	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	175	207	Fourth
1931	,,	,,	,,	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	174	243	Run's - up
						3864	5058	3860	4885	

Annual Report of Committee of Management, 1931

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

In presenting to you a general resume of the football season, 1931, and in particular, that of the activities and achievements of the Richmond Club, we cannot, at the outset, refrain from applauding your players for the most honorable and meritorious performances of the season. An extract from an official letter recently received from the Victorian Football League reads:—

"On behalf of the president and members of the Victorian Football League I have pleasure in extending congratulations upon the success of your team during the season just concluded. Although not successful in winning the Grand Final, the performance of the Richmond team gave immense pleasure to the patrons of our game. At all times ability and clean sportsmanship was most noticeable and reflects great credit—not only upon the players—but upon those responsible for the management of the Club."—(Sgd.) L. H. McBRIEN, Secty.

True, the grand final game against Geelong was lost, and lost just when it was least expected, but that was the only black spot to an otherwise perfect season. The pathway to the final match is indeed hard and strenuous, and your Club has, on all sides, received congratulatory messages upon again reaching this position and gaining the coveted title of runners-up.

The Club has recorded another successful year, in fact a particularly successful one both on and off the field, for in the lean season through which we have passed some clubs became financially embarrassed, whereas Richmond is in the happy position of being able to furnish a satisfactory balance sheet, while on the field both League and Club records were created. Reference elsewhere in this report will find the list enumerated. Summarised, they are as follows:—Establishing of League record score, 199 points; establishing of best percentage of points for and against since Club's entry into League; establishing of Club individual goal-kicking match record, and season's aggregate goal-kicking record. It is also noteworthy that during the season the Club balanced its ledger for the first time since its entry into the League 24 years ago, and now has both a credit balance of wins for all matches played, and a credit balance of points scored for and against in all matches played. This may surprise many, but nevertheless, it is fact, and clearly shows how long it has taken to offset the very lean seasons experienced by the Club between 1909 and 1918.

Season 1930 players who did not appear during the past season were:—R. Empey and K. Millar (retired), H. Collins, E. Cusack, J. Fincher, W. Griffiths, D. Harris, R. Martin, S. Ogden (transferred). Recruits to the ranks were:—J. Bissett (19), returned from Nhill; T. Cunningham (2), J. Dyer (6), F. Ford (16), W. Gray (2), D. Strang (19), G. Strang (20), and J. Twyford (15). Number of games played shown in brackets. The new talent proved most capable, Bissett, Ford, Strang (2) and Twyford giving many grand displays, while the experience gained by Dyer and Gray will stand them in good stead for the forthcoming year. Your Committee here takes the opportunity of placing on record its appreciation of the sterling services of old and new players, both on and off the field, throughout the year.

Prospects for Season, 1932.—Prospects for another good season are particularly bright, for although Club scouting activities have been limited on account of unemployment, it is considered that on account of the few weaknesses in the team little difficulty will be encountered in strengthening them sufficiently to enable the yellow-and-black combination to be again in at the "kill." The annual appeal is again launched for the co-operation and support of members in helping to improve the Club, particularly in regard to stopping the drift in membership—a drift which has been taking place year after year despite the continued success of the Club. Remember, membership is vital to the success of a club, besides providing football for the individual at a 100 per cent cheaper rate than by paying admission money at the turnstile. Bring along your families and friends and join the Club. To members, both new and those who have stood by the Club through thick and thin, and country friends who help us from time to time, we convey our heartiest thanks for their continued support. Five times during the past eight years that elusive Premiership Pennant has been in our grasp, only to flutter away elsewhere. Let all hands unite to obtain an early and firm grip for 1932.

Richmond Second Nineteen.—The Cubs were not quite so successful in 1931 as in the previous year, and missed inclusion in the big four by a few matches, their record being—Matches played 18, won 9, lost 9. Their help, however, to your Club was invaluable, and reserve players in Gray, Dunne, Dyer, Leather, Woods, Cunningham and others were enabled to receive valuable experience throughout the year. One of your old and valued players in Bob O'Neill acted as coach and, although he did not strike his form of a few seasons ago, performed his duties in a tradesmanlike manner. The Club's sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to the Cub officials who, have many arduous duties to perform, with little recognition. While thanking all in general, we must particularly name Messrs. H. L. Roberts (President), J. Cook (Hon. Secretary), and A. Wishart (Hon. Treasurer). It would also be most unworthy of us if mention was not made of Mr. J. McDougall, who retired from the secretarial position during the currency of the season. Mr. McDougall occupied the position for several years, being an enthusiastic and untiring worker. A minute of appreciation of his work was placed in the club minute book at the time of his retirement. The cup donated by your Club for presentation to the Cubs' best and fairest player was won by "Rich" Saunders, the son of the ex-Head Trainer of your Club, to whom we extend our congratulations. May he still further improve and gain inclusion in the Tiger ranks. The Cubs' annual meeting is to be held at the Richmond Cricket Pavilion on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1931, at 8 p.m.

Richmond Cricket Club.—Harmony, good feeling, and fellowship still obtains between the sister clubs, despite a few clashes during the season, and this is only as it should be. Very early in the year the governing bodies of each sport, the Victorian Football League and the Victorian Cricket Association, fought out several contentious matters and, let it be said to the credit of the League, that points were won in every instance. The dispute naturally affected all individual clubs, but, as previously pointed out, harmony still obtains at Richmond. One vital matter seriously affecting members and football supporters in general at the Richmond ground has been the insufficient accommodation. A matter of concern to your Club for some years, the question of better and larger accommodation, was twice raised during the season, your Club having the undivided support of the Melbourne press. At a conference between the sister bodies it was resolved to form a joint committee representative of both clubs, with a view to approaching

the Melbourne City Council and the Minister of Lands for an exchange of land. As a result, it is expected that before the commencement of season 1932, better facilities and improved accommodation will be available for the football public—the public that has made the cricket clubs the powerful financial concerns they are to-day. Thanks are herewith accorded the press for the backing and support they gave your Club in the matter. Your Committee again places on record its appreciation of the work of not only the executive officers of the Cricket Club (Messrs. E. H. King, J.P., President; D. P. Chessell, Hon. Secretary; and M. V. Rankin, Hon. Treasurer), but all members of the General Committee. To Mr. Chessell, who has relinquished the office of Hon. Secretary, a position he has so faithfully filled for many many years, we extend a special word of thanks for his unfailing courtesy and work on behalf of the Football Club. Opportunity is also taken to wish his successor, Mr. J. M. Bayley, every success in his new position.

Local Junior Clubs.—Although no premierships were brought to Richmond in 1931 by the principal junior teams, quite a number of them, including Burnley Juniors, St. Stephen's and Richmond United, played off in the final series of games. These three clubs enjoyed a very successful year, as did Richmond District, who just failed to get into the League Sub-Districts first four. The Districts' improvement in 1931 augurs well for yet further improvement in 1932. Other clubs to do well were West Richmond, Burnley, Barkly's, St. Ignatius', Richmond City, and St. Bartholomew's. The evergreen Mr. Mullen still continues his good work with the Richmond Amateur Boys.

Congratulations.—To the Geelong Club, the winners of the 1931 Victorian Football League Premiership, we convey our sincere congratulations. Although disappointed at again losing the final match, the Richmond Club accepted the reverse in good sporting spirit, and were the first to congratulate the victors. To the remaining members of the four, Carlton and Collingwood, we also extend our congratulations.

Ladies' Social Committee.—The members of the Ladies' Social Committee all proved to be live and devoted workers, with the result that £71/7/4, representing the nett profit from the Saturday night dances, has been handed to your Club. The Ladies' Committee comprised Mesdames T. O'Halloran (President), Titus, Andrews, King, Costello, and the Misses Byrne, I. O'Halloran (Hon. Secretary), and H. Curtis (Hon. Treasurer). The Club conveys its sincere thanks and appreciation to the ladies for their enthusiastic help.

Club Life Memberships and Hospital Life Governorships.—Your Committee saw fit this year to elect Messrs J. D. Langdon and P. Page as life members of the Club, and it is hoped the Committee's choice will meet with the full approval of members. Mr. Langdon has been actively associated with the Club for a score of years, and during the past seven has rendered yeoman service in the capacity of Hon. Treasurer. A life governorship of the Austin Hospital, placed at the disposal of your Committee by the Victorian Football League, in recognition of the League's charity grant to the Lord Mayor's Appeal, was unanimously and deservedly bestowed upon committee-man B. D. Edmond. Your three representatives in the charity match for the Blind Institute — Messrs. B. McCormack, J. Titus, and B. Foster—received recognition by being made life governors of the Institute. Mr. P. Page, who acted as chairman of the committee that handled the arrangements, was likewise honored.

Long Service Certificates, Presentations and Trophies.—At the annual meeting opportunity will be taken to present long service certificates to the following players, who have completed five years' service:—J. Baggott, J. Murdoch, and C. Watson. Congratulations to all. During the past season two more players joined the select band who have played 100 games or more for the Richmond Club—a fine and rare achievement. They are A. Geddes and T. O'Halloran. Both received presentations suitably commemorating the event. Season's trophy winners are:—Carlton Match: M. Bolger, hat, presented by Mr. C. Curtain. Best player, Semi-final Match, J. Bissett, trophy, presented by Mrs. A. Woods. Best player, Final Match, A. Geddes, trophy, presented by Mrs. A. Woods. Final Match consolation prizes—K. O'Neill, trophy, presented by Mr. Dawes; G. Strang, anonymous prize, value £1/1/-; J. Murdoch, anonymous prize, value £1/1/-.

Finance.—Your Finance Committee, under the guidance of a new, but none the less most capable, chairman, Mr. B. D. Edmond (occasioned by the illness of Mr. Ray Stanley), had a particularly difficult job to accomplish, inasmuch that with less revenue expenditure had to be curtailed to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is to the Committee's credit that although the payments to players were not reduced, and several extra heavy liabilities met that did not occur in previous years, such as increased sustenance payments on account of unemployment, entertainment tax on members' tickets, £79/11/3, and League call on cricket members' subscriptions, £145/16/-, the Club's overdraft brought forward at the start of the season, viz., £78/2/2, has been reduced to about £10. This should be particularly satisfying to members, and your thanks for the excellent state of affairs are due to the Chairman (Mr. B. D. Edmond), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. D. Langdon), and other members of the Finance Committee. Mr. F. O'Brien acted as a proxy for Mr. Stanley throughout the season. Although there was an appreciable increase in gate receipts, this was more than counter-balanced by a decline in membership, the number dropping from 3,246 to approximately 2,546.

Interstate and Representative Matches.—Only two Interstate matches were played during the season, both against South Australia, and Victoria gained the honors on each occasion. Your clever, forceful and fearless half-back, Basil McCormack, was the sole representative from your Club in the two games, and worthily upheld the traditions of the Tigers. Stan Judkins was also chosen to play against South Australia in Melbourne, but was unfortunately unable to take his place in the field on account of influenza. In the charity match between the Victorian Football League and the Victorian Football Association your Club was more fully represented, B. McCormack, J. Titus, and B. Foster being included. All were mentioned in despatches, particularly McCormack, who was chosen as the best player of the two representative teams. He thus won a fine trophy, kindly presented by Mr. T. Coles, secretary of the Fitzroy Club. The League team were easy victors. Your Club's congratulations are extended to the players concerned.

Donations Other Than Cash.—Anonymous donations two each £1/1/- prizes for final match (won by G. Strang and J. Murdoch); Australian Knitting Mills Pty. Ltd., portion of uniforms; Mr. C. Curtain, Borsalino hat (won by M. Bolger); Mr. Dawes, medal, final game (won by K. O'Neill); Preservene Pty. Ltd., soap for training purposes; Richmond Brewery, refreshments, value £2/10/-; Mrs. A. Woods, 2 trophies, semi-final and final matches (won by J. Bissett and A. Geddes); Marchants, refreshments, value £1/1/-; Mr. V. Thorp, goods, value £1/1/-; Mr. J. McLaren, bound book of club membership tickets; Mr. Syd Sherrin, mounted ball for presentation to D. Strang; Mr. T. Trowbridge, two mounted plaques for Committee room. All concerned are kindly asked to note the Committee's appreciation.

Donors.—The Club again desires to record its appreciation of the many donations in the form of cheques, goods and trophies received from ladies, gentlemen, and firms interested in the welfare of the Club. The Committee acknowledges with hearty thanks the various amounts and goods received, and trusts that the Club

may merit the honor of their continued support and interest.

Delegates.—Messrs. H. L. Roberts and P. Page were again appointed your representatives to the Victorian Football League. Your best thanks are due to both for the great amount of time devoted to the interests of your Club, and the game in general.

Players' Provident Fund.—The Players' Provident Fund which was established last year, is in a flourishing condition. Payments to the fund during the year amounted to £127/9/10, representing £100 grant from Club funds and accumulated interest £27/9/10. Withdrawals were £25/16/7, viz., Don Harris cleared to Collingwood, £24/4/9; and E. Cusack, cleared to North Melbourne, £1/11/10. The funds' credit balance stands at £623/11/10.

Secretary's Appreciation.—On the eve of his retirement, the Hon. Secretary desires to convey to his fellow officials, players, staff and members of the Club his sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the loyal and conscientious assistance extended to him since taking office in 1924. A special meed of thanks and praise is tendered to those officials, still carrying on, who took office in the same year. Of the original number only six remain. On the other hand, it is interesting to note that not one player of the 1924 team remains in the ranks. Sure, the life of a footballer is short. May the very best of good luck and fortune guide the Club through the long years ahead is the Sec's sincere wish.

Training Staff and Honorary Officials and Workers.—The training staff again played a most important part in placing your team so high on the premiership list, and at all times conscientiously carried out their work. The staff was this year under the control of Mr. J. Watson, and the Committee's choice of head trainer proved most popular. The staff comprised Messrs. R. G. Davall (Assistant Head Trainer), H. Fargher, M. Noble, S. Mier, T. Webster, and J. G. Wood.

Your Committee is also pleased to make reference to the fine work of the following:—Chiropodist, Mr. A. W. Rosier; Auditors, Messrs. R. McIntyre and G. D. Gill; Timekeeper, Mr. W. Baker; Press Correspondent, Mr. R. Werner; Door Steward, Mr. L. Cameron; Boot Studders, Messrs. Carswell and H. Vine; Property Steward, Mr. C. Callender; Players' Property Steward, Mr. G. Browne; Training Room Assistant, Mr. A. King; and those ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the sale of members' tickets. All are deserving of your warmest thanks.

Captain, Vice-Captain and Coach.—As last year's captain, Allan Geddes, he was also captain in 1927-8, would not allow himself to be nominated for the position, Maurie Hunter unanimously received the appointment for the 1931 season, while the vice-captaincy went to Basil McCormack. Both these players proved excellent leaders, and by their skill and exemplary conduct, set a very high standard of leadership. For the fifth successive year the coaching duties were entrusted to "Checker" Hughes. As in the previous four years, he again gave to the position his undivided attention, and carried it out with thoroughness and efficiency. As a mark of appreciation for his painstaking efforts your Committee has placed on record a recommendation that "Checker" be appointed coach for season 1932.

Club Socials and Trips.—The Club's reputation for hospitality and sociability was further enhanced during the past season. Among the list of festivities the following proved most entertaining:—Tivoli Theatre party and supper, four club dinners, wind-up dinner at Victoria Palace, Victorian amateur boxing and wrestling championships, club dances, and picnic to Narbethong. The latter was made possible through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, the licencees of the Narbethong Hotel, who treated the officials, players and ladies to a delectable dinner. About 180 made the journey, and despite inclement weather, all enjoyed themselves. The Club dances were capably controlled by the enthusiastic Social Secretary, Mr. F. J. Costello, and the members of the Ladies' Committee.

Brownlow Medal.—To Hadyn Bunton, of the Fitzroy Club, in his first year of League football, falls the honor of winning the coveted Brownlow Medal for season 1931. Your Committee extends to Hadyn and his Club very hearty congratulations. Congratulations are also conveyed to Allan Hopkins, Footscray, upon his winning of a special League certificate in recognition of finishing in second position to the winner three years in succession.

Obituary.—We regret to record the demise of the following during the past year. To their sorrowing relatives and friends we tender our sincere sympathy:—Mr. W. Bicknell (foundation and life member), Mr. A. Wood (past president and life member), Messrs. "Son" Feore, A. Brennan, Ben Sheppard (past players), Mrs. H. Cox (mother of committee-man H. Cox), Mrs. C. Hall (wife of life member C. Hall), Mrs. B. Goodwin (wife of life member B. Goodwin), Mrs. Ben Welch, and Mr. D. Capewell (ground Curator).

Benedicts.—Since our last report players T. O'Halloran and J. Murdoch have joined the ranks of the Benedicts. Suitable presents have been handed them. To Tom and Joe and their fair partners we convey best wishes.

General.—Your Committee has pleasure in placing on record its appreciation of the diligent and faithful work of your Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. D. Langdon), Assistant Secretary (Mr. J. J. Smith), and Social Secretary (Mr. F. J. Costello).

The consistent service rendered in the training room year after year by Messrs. C. Callender, A. King, and L. Cameron also merits notation.

Three of your present players have played in 100 or more games. They are B. McCormack, 120; A. Geddes, 116; and T. O'Halloran, 101. Perc Bentley is also nearing the century mark.

Your Club gratefully acknowledges the work performed throughout the season by Dr. L. M. Smith (Hon. Doctor), Mr. G. F. Kermond (Hon. Dentist), and Mr. F. O'Brien (Hon. Solicitor). At all times the services of these three gentlemen were at the disposal of the Club.

Congratulations to Doug Strang upon breaking both the Club's individual goal-kicking record for one match and for a season, and this in his first year of League football. The records were previously held by Jack Baggott and George Bayliss.

The leading aggregate totals of goal kickers are:—J. Titus, 178; J. Baggott, 126; H. Weidner, 125; T. O'Halloran, 92.

Jack Titus won the cup, presented this year for the League's best dancer, which was competed for at the big charity ball held at the Green Mill in October.

The Club is deeply indebted to three fine sportsmen for presentations given to the Club during the past season. Mr. Syd Sherrin (mounted football), Mr. J. McLaren (bound book of membership tickets), Mr. T. Trowbridge (two mounted plaques).

The collection of Club mementoes in the Committee room is gradually increasing. The latest addition is a book presented by Mr. D. P. Chessell in 1905, and won by the late Mr. A. Brennan (ex-player), who met a cruel death a few months ago.

Early in the season two of your esteemed Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. H. Gosch and R. J. Stanley, contracted serious illnesses. Mr. Gosch underwent three operations, and was in a serious condition, but happily he made a good recovery and was able to rejoin his clubmates after a few months in hospital. Mr. Stanley, unfortunately, has not been quite so lucky, and is still confined to hospital. He has had a most unenviable experi-

ence, undergoing numerous operations and spending eight months in bed. However, he has left the worst behind, and is now well on the high road to complete recovery. Ray's genial personality has been missed at the club rooms, and the sincere wish of all is that he will be back in his accustomed place for season 1932.

On the occasion of the Geelong match at Richmond your Club had the pleasure of entertaining the South Australian and New South Wales tramway football teams, likewise the Gisborne Football Club.

It is noteworthy that a local lad, A. Sykes (Williamstown) was classed as the second best player in the charity match, League v. Associaition. Efforts were made to obtain a transfer for him, but they were not successful. The application will be renewed this year.

Two retirements from office were made during the currency of the year, Mr. P. Maybury resigning from the list of Vice-Presidents, and Mr. J. M. Douglas retiring as Cricket Club representative. Both officials rendered good service during their term of office.

Your Club conveys its sincere thanks to Major Conder for his kind invitation to the players to attend the Victorian Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Championships.

The Club records its appreciation of the services of Mrs. Weinert, who retired at the end of last season from the position of secretary of the Ladies' Committee. A presentation was made to her.

A charity dance held by the Club in aid of the Mayor of Richmond's relief fund realised a nett profit of £7/19/2.

The George Bayliss appeal reached the fine total of £62/4/7. The excellent result was due to the work of Messrs. J. D. Langdon and J. J. Smith.

Ticket sellers who assisted at the gates at the commencement of the season were:—Messrs. W. Barwood, A. Hooper, L. Allison, G. R. Angus, G. Mackay, S. Goldsmith, H. Wakenell, J. Mundy, and D. Langdon. A minute of appreciation of their services has been placed in the club minutes.

It is a coincidence that Richmond has been runners-up on the two occasions the system of playing the final matches has been altered, viz., 1924 and 1931. Whereas the 1924 system was discarded in 1925, it is expected the 1931 system will remain in operation.

At the commencement of the present season an agreement was entered into between the V.F.L. and the V.F.A., making it necessary for all players transferring to and from either body to receive both clearances and permits.

The popular and most capable Secretary of the Victorian Football League (Mr. L. H. McBrien) experienced a most arduous 1931 season, mainly due to the ground controversy. He has been instructed by the club delegates to take a well-earned month's holiday prior to the opening of the new season.

Your Committee concludes the 1931 report with the hope that 1932 will see the Club go just one step higher, and win the premiership.

For and on behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ARCHER, President.
P. PAGE, Hon. Secretary.

RICHMOND'S TOTALS FOR AND AGAINST ALL LEAGUE CLUBS

Versus	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For Goals	Behinds	Points	Against Goals	Behinds	Points
Carlton	55	16	39	—	436	612	3228	567	643	4045
Collingwood	56	19	36	1	440	564	3204	527	707	3869
Essendon	43	20	22	1	395	545	2915	400	470	2870
Fitzroy	48	20	28	—	398	537	2925	436	536	3152
Geelong	49	25	23	1	438	604	3232	445	604	3274
Melbourne	40	23	16	1	401	500	2906	373	433	2671
Sth Melbourne	46	20	26	—	396	510	2886	445	551	3221
St. Kilda	39	27	12	—	362	456	2628	268	435	2043
University	14	9	5	—	134	150	954	107	131	773
Footscray	12	9	3	—	133	202	990	111	135	801
Hawthorn	13	13	—	—	160	225	1185	106	133	769
Nth Melbourne	11	11	—	—	171	153	1189	75	107	557
	426	212	210	4	3864	5058	28242	3860	4885	28045

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, 1931—(Matches played, 20).

	First Matches Played	1931		First Matches Played	1931		First Matches Played	1931
Baggott, J.	1927	16	Geddes, A.	1925	18			
Bentley, P.	1925	10	Gray, W.	1931	2	Sheahan, M.	1929	12
Benton, W.	1928	4	Heifner, F.	1929	11	Strang, D.	1931	19
Bissett, J.	1928	19	Hunter, M.	1929	18	Strang, G.	1931	20
Bolger, M.	1930	20	Judkins, S.	1928	20	Street, C.	1928	2
Cunningham, T.	1931	2	McCormack, B.	1925	19	Titus, J.	1926	20
Dunne, T.	1929	2	Murdoch, J.	1927	20	Twyford, J.	1931	15
Dyer, J.	1931	6	Oakley, A.	1928	2	Watson, C.	1927	2
Ford, F.	1931	16	O'Halloran, T.	1925	8	Weidner, H.	1926	19
Foster, B.	1928	20	O'Neill, K.	1930	19	Zschech, E.	1930	19

G. BAYLISS APPEAL

The following amounts were contriuted towards the above appeal:—Victorian Football League, £10/10/-; Ground Collection at Hawthorn match, £8/2/2; Carlton Football Club, £5/5/-; Richmond Cricket Club, £5/5/-; Richmond Football Club, £5/5/-; Ground Collection at South Melbourne match, £3/11/5; Footscray Football Club, £3/3/-; Melbourne Cricket Club, £3/3/-; Richmond Football Club, Ladies' Committee, £2/7/6; Collingwood Football Club, £2/2/-; Mr. E. H. King, £2/2/-; Geelong Football Club, £2/2/-; South Melbourne Football Club, £2/2/-; Mrs. A. Wood, £1/1/-; Collingwood Second Eighteen Football Club, £1/1/-; Essendon Football Club, £1/1/-;Mr. E. Dingle, £1; Mr. R. C. Brady, 15/-; Mr. W. H. Gosch, 10/6; Mr. H. Best, 10/6; Mr. Dick Lee, 10/6; Dr. D. Rosenberg, 10/-; Mr. D. Minogue, 5/-. Total, £62/4/7.

Richmond Football Club -- Receipts and Expenditure Account, Season 1931

RECEIPTS

To Subscriptions—			
Membership Tickets—1930 Season—1 at 8/-	£0 8 0		
Membership Tickets—1931 Season—2,540½ at 8/-	1,016 4 0		
		£1,016 12 0	
„ **Final Match Receipts—**			
Share Final Match Receipts	£175 6 8		
Training Allowance—Final Matches	400 0 0		
		575 6 8	
„ **Match Receipts—**			
Practice Matches		51 13 4	
Home Matches—			
Collingwood	£282 13 8		
Essendon	89 0 5		
Sth. Melb.	97 18 5		
Melbourne	67 18 5		
Hawthorn	102 4 6		
Geelong	89 18 3		
Nth. Melb.	63 0 1		
Carlton	225 12 10		
Footscray	129 9 10		
	£1,147 16 5		
Other Grounds—			
Carlton	£190 15 10		
Footscray	173 16 6		
Essendon	77 1 11		
Geelong	134 17 2		
Fitzroy	65 18 6		
St. Kilda	162 5 2		
Nth. Melb.	23 0 9		
Collingwood	85 13 6		
Hawthorn	60 12 6		
	974 1 10		
		2,121 18 3	
„ **Interest—**			
Debentures		18 0 0	
„ **Donations and Gifts—**			
Receipts from Ladies' Social Committee		71 7 4	
„ **Miscellaneous Receipts—**			
Richmond Cricket Club	£315 0 0		
Transfer from Trip and Entertainment Fund	79 10 0		
Refund Deposit R.C.C. for Social Room	5 5 0		
Refund—P.M.G.'s Dep't	1 15 3		
		401 10 3	
„ **Unemployed Relief Scheme**	15 10 0		
Less Expenses	10 11 6		
		4 18 6	
„ Overdraft—E.S. & A. Bank		9 18 3	
		£4,271 4 7	

EXPENDITURE

By Overdraft—E.S. & A. Bank—Season 1930			£78 2 2
„ **Levies—**			
Victorian Football League on Membership Tickets (including Life Members, Donors and tickets unpaid)	£66 6 3		
V.F.L. Delegate Fees	2 2 0		
V.F.L. on Richmond Cricket C. £145 16 0			
Less Refund 47 14 10			
	98 1 2		166 9 5
„ **Administration—**			
Annual Meeting — Hire of Hall, Entertaining, etc.	£10 9 4		
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telegrams	84 9 10		
Entertainment Account, including Narbethong Picnic—Players & Officials	182 6 7		
Insurance (Fire), Telephones and Advertising	42 15 2		
Bank Charges & Interest	9 5 0		
Secretary's Expenses	90 0 0		
Incidentals and Petty Cash	3 14 10		
			423 0 9
„ **Salaries, Wages and Honoraria—**			
Honoraria, Hon. Sec., Treasurer, Asst. Sec., Ticket Secs., Prop. Steward, etc.	£138 5 0		
Audit Fees	8 8 0		
			146 13 0
„ Geelong Trip	£22 8 0		
Less Railway Refund	7 3 6		
			15 4 6
„ **Team Maintenance—**			
Bonus to Players transferred to Richmond F.C. Prov'dt Fund	£100 0 0		
Insurance on Players £175 16 3			
Less Refunds 9 0 0			
	166 16 3		
Payments to Players, including sustenance	1,901 14 6		
Travelling Expenses—Train, Car Hire, etc.	162 5 7		
Coaches—First and Second Eighteens	183 0 0		
Wages—Trainers and Property Man	313 12 3		
Uniforms, Boots, Materials, etc.	188 14 11		
Bootstudders	17 17 0		
Medical Fees, Massage, First Aid, etc.	73 5 8		
Laundry Expenses	15 6 6		
Refreshments	64 10 9		
			3,187 3 5
„ **Donations—**			
Donations & Presentations	133 8 5		
Photographs	16 15 0		
Wreaths	7 1 0		
			157 4 5
„ **Miscellaneous Expenditure—**			
Furnishing and Repairs	7 15 3		
Entertainment Tax on Membership Tickets	79 11 3		
Players' & Officials' admission money to matches	10 0 5		
			97 6 11
			£4,271 4 7

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 2nd DECEMBER, 1931.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Overdraft—E.S. & A. Bank, Richmond .	£9 18 3	Debentures—Richmond Cricket Club ..	£300 0
Loan from Trip Fund—Season 1930 ..	262 10 0	Furniture, Fittings and Materials	170 0
Excess Assets over Liabilities	227 11 9	Wertheim Piano	30 0
	£500 0 0		£500 0

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE—TRIP AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
To Cash in State Savings Bank, Richmond, at 24/11/1930	£32 12 10	By Additional Expenditure—Club Picnic at Ringwood, November, 1930 .. .	£19 13
„ Donations as per list	65 18 0	„ Donation to General Club Funds .. .	79 10
„ Interest	0 16 11	„ Balance—State Savings Bank, at 2/12/1931	0 4
	£99 7 9		£99

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 2nd DECEMBER, 1931.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess Assets over Liabilities	£262 14 9	Amount Owing from General Funds of Richmond Football Club—Season 1930	£262 10
		Cash in State Savings Bank	0 4
	£262 14 9		£262 14

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
To Balance in State Savings Bank—November, 1930		£21 18 7	By Payment—		
„ Bank Refund of Fixed Deposit		300 0 0	Don Harris	£24 4 9	
„ Allotment from Richmond Football Club—Season 1931		100 0 0	E. Cusack	1 11 10	
„ Interest—					£25 16
Fixed Deposit .. .	£15 0 0		„ Amount placed on Fixed Deposit with E.S. & A. Bank, Richmond		400 0
R.C.C. Debentures	12 0 0		„ Balance—State Savings Bank, Richmond		23 11
State Savings Bank	0 9 10				
		27 9 10			
		£449 8 5			£449 8

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 2nd DECEMBER, 1931.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	£623 11 10	Debentures—Richmond Cricket Club ..	£200 0
		Fixed Deposit—E.S. & A. Bank	400 0
		Cash in State Savings Bank—Richmond	23 11
	£623 11 10		£623 11

We, the undersigned, have examined the Books and Accounts of the above Club for Season 1931 and, in opinion, the Receipts and Expenditure Accounts together with the Balance Sheets set out above, represe the true position of the Club's affairs. The audit was facilitated by the excellent state of the Books a Accounts, and by the assistance which was rendered to us by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Auditors. GEO. D. GILL, Qualified Accountant
JAMES WOMERSLEY, L.I.C.A. 7/12/3

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB RECORDS, 1931.

(Compiled by R. H. Campbell)

LEAGUE RECORDS

1.—12 goals 2 behinds (2nd quarter) against North Melbourne at Richmond, 2nd May, 1931.

2.—17 goals 9 behinds (half-time) against North Melbourne at Richmond, 2nd May, 1931.

3.—30 goals 19 behinds (final) against North Melbourne at Richmond, 2nd May, 1931.

4.—22 goals by two forwards on the same side in the one match (v. North Melbourne) at Richmond, May, 1931—D. F. Strang (14), J. Titus (8).

CLUB RECORDS

5.—107 points (14-23) on opening day of se (v. Carlton), at Carlton, May, 1931.

6.—Won by 168 points against North Melbourn Richmond, May, 1931.

7.—9 goals 5 behinds (59 points) in opening q ter v. Essendon, at Richmond, August, 1931.

8.—D. F. Strang—18 goals (aggregate) in two cessive matches.

9.—14 goals—D. F. Strang, v. North Melbourne Richmond, May 1931.

10.—68 goals for season—D. F. Strang.

11.—Ground Record—£1,179/19/3 takings, v. lingwood at Richmond, May, 1931.

DONATIONS, 1931

Bryant & May	£5	5	0
Carlton and United Breweries	5	5	0
Sherrin, Syd	5	5	0
Smith, Dr. L. M.	5	5	0
Parsons, J. S.	3	3	0
Carroll, M. J.	3	0	0
Ash, P. G.	2	2	0
Best, H.	2	2	0
Maples Stores	2	2	0
Tweedie & Co., Jas. ..	2	2	0
Burnley Flour Mills ..	1	1	0
Chessell, D.	1	1	0
Coverlid, J.	1	1	0
Cuddon, W. H.	1	1	0
Dawborn, F., Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
James Dickson & Co. .	1	1	0
Finnemore, J.	1	1	0
Fowler, W.	1	1	0
Gill, Harry J.	1	1	0
Greene, Miss A.	1	1	0
Guthrie, Mrs.	1	1	0
Hider Smith Pty. Ltd..	1	1	0
Kiwi Polish Co. Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Pelaco Ltd.	1	1	0
Preservene Pty. Ltd. .	1	1	0
Robinson & Co.	1	1	0
Rosella Preserving Co.	1	1	0
Ruwolt Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Sassella, S.	1	1	
Scullin, J. H., M.H.R. .	1	1	
Sexton, R.	1	1	
Smith, Mitchell & Co. .	1	1	
Sutherland & Sons, J.	1	1	
Tatterson, C. V.	1	1	
Victorian Trotting and Racing Assn.	1	1	
Werner, R., Jnr.	1	1	
Marshall Shoe Co. .. .	0	10	
Producers' Butchering Co.	0	10	
Sale of Footballs	2	0	
	£65	18	